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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Etienne P LeRoux

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6-10, 13-18, 21-23 and 30-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-3, 6-10, 13-18, 21-23 and 30-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Continued Examination

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on January 17, 2006 has been entered.

Claim Status:

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-18, 21-23 and 30-34 are pending; claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 19, 20 and 24-29 having been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-18, 21-23 and 30-34 are rejected as detailed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 7 recites "wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first

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database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.” The metes and bounds of the claimed invention cannot be determined due to two(2) instances of “and/or.”

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-18, 21-23 and 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat No 6,026,440 issued to Shrader et al (hereafter Shrader).

Claims 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23 and 30-34:

Shrader discloses:

a storage unit [Fig 1, 27]

a processing part configured to detect a password input error [checking user appropriate DCE credentials col 4, lines 63-66] and to register information identifying the information processing apparatus [client URL, col 4, lines 1-10] by making a transmission to a first database of a registration center [Fig 1, session manager 31] when the password input error is detected and to store transmission log information [FailedLoginCounter, col 5, lines 49-51, Fig 4, step 70, Fig 5, step 74] related to the transmission to the registration center into said storage unit

Examiner Notes:

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Regarding claim 6, Fig 1, 31 and 52 reads on the first database and Fig 3, 27 reads on the second database.

Claims 2, 9 and 17:

Shrader discloses wherein said processing part includes means for transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit, and for making a system lock with respect to the information processing apparatus if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database [disabling a DCE user account, col 6, line 8]

Claims 3 and 10:

Shrader discloses wherein said processing part includes means for outputting a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database [email, col 2, lines 20-25]

Claims 7, 14 and 22:

Shrader discloses wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus [failed login record can be reset, col 12, lines 45-50]

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 1/17/2006 have been fully considered but they are moot based on above new grounds of rejection necessitated by Applicant's claim amendments.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Etienne P LeRoux whose telephone number is (571) 272-4022. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on (571) 272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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